more slowly, the Swedes taking advantage of the continued internal animosity between the Finnish tribes. The religious conversion took place very gradually, too. Christianity had its first stronghold among the Swedish settlers, who had immigrated to Åland and to the adjoining archipelago and coastal areas, and from them the new doctrine spread among their Finnish neighbors. The Apostle of Finland was St. Henry, archbishop of Upsala and an Anglo-Saxon by birth, who preached and baptized throughout southwestern Finland until he was killed by a pagan farmer and chieftain, Lalli, who resented the interference of a "foreigner." [173] Lalli has sometimes been elevated to the role of the first representative of the first Finnish national spirit, but he is more or less a mythical figure